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The Decay of the Platform.

Platforms for a great many years have played quite a prominent part in politics. In the early days of the Republic the issues were principally on men. Statesmen constructed their own platforms by their public services. There was a chance, therefore, for a public man to advance himself by his ability and devotion to the general interests, without the intervention of the politicians. They looked up to him for light and guidance rather than laid down the law for him. His success was in proportion to the wisdom of his course and the soundness of his opinions. But when public questions began to grow more complicated and statesmen got confused over them, the platform was introduced for the purpose of defining more clearly the object of party organization. They were regarded as sacred and solemn pledges to a particular line of action, which were, in the event of success, to be religiously carried out. There are not many instances in the early days of a party going back on its platform or openly repudiating it.

But the politicians soon seized upon this contrivance and turned it to their own advantage. The platform placed it in their power not only to lay down the programme of the party but to manufacture as it were its statesmen. The election of Franklin Pierce established the fact that any man whom the politicians set upon an accepted platform could be elected to the Presidency, though it must be admitted that the nominee in question made a very good Executive. This was the time when we were told that what the people were to struggle for was "principles and not men." The effect was of course to destroy individual character. Henceforward the successful statesman was not he who had won fame by his talents or his services, but who kept as shady as possible, maintaining good terms the while with the politicians. The principles and the man, for their illustration, issued completely formed from the hands of these active persons. Twice only in these latter years did we return to the old system, that the man was himself the platform—that is to say, in the case of the second election of Lincoln and the first election of Grant. On both these occasions the National Conventions were reduced to the position of mere recording bodies. They assembled for the purpose of formally doing what had already virtually been done by the people, and nothing more.

But since the platform business has been going rapidly to pieces. A party now has no remembrance of its platform after the votes are counted. Both the parties in the last Presidential election pledged themselves to resumption and hard money. The victorious Republicans were scarcely warm in their seats in Congress before they passed a bill to inflate the currency, and thereby cast behind them all the promises which they had made in the preceding campaign. In this they were aided and abetted by the Democratic minority, whose professed creed was likewise hard money. And they would have been successful in this repudiation of their principles, but General Grant bethought him of the platform upon which he was elected, and vetoed the bill.

From those days the platform programme dates its decay. The States are all agitating the platform business again, for the coming campaign, and from a synopsis of the declaration of some of the conventions, which we published last Saturday, it will be observed that there is a wide difference even among men of the same pro-

feased political stripe but, in different States. The San Francisco Bulletin referring to the platforms given by parties in California, says, "no one believes in them any more." They are not regarded in any other light now but cheap John tricks, and the old rule that the man shall be the platform is again coming into vogue. There is no doubt that it is the wiser and safer practice of the two. It will strip the politicians of a great part of the vast influence which they have heretofore been using. They will no longer have it in their power to make and ordain statesmen. On the contrary the statesmen will have to make themselves in the old fashioned way. No doubt there will always be a necessity for a general statement of the objects which a political party has in view, but it will be regulated to the subordinate position to which it principally belongs. The platform in which there can be no deception is the life of the candidate—the opinions which he has announced and for which he has combatted; the light which he has thrown upon intricate questions; the services which he has performed and the sacrifices which he has undergone. The days of mere political kite-flying are passed never to return, except under circumstances which would warrant apprehensions of more serious changes in our form of government than any one now dreams of.

Tide Table for Astoria.

(From tables of United States Coast Survey.)

DAYS.	High Water.			Low Water.		
	A. M.	P. M.		A. M.	P. M.	
3.....	10 31	10 30	4 41	4 19		
4.....	11 12	11 11	5 33	5 09		
5.....	12 08	12 07	6 19	5 50		
6.....	1 00	1 00	7 05	6 30		
7.....	2 00	2 00	7 49	7 08		
8.....	3 00	3 00	8 34	7 46		
9.....	4 00	4 00	9 10	8 27		
10.....	5 00	5 00	9 46	9 09		
11.....	6 00	6 00	10 16	9 50		

The height is reckoned from the level of average lowest water, to which the soundings are given on the Coast Survey charts. When the time in the a. m. column is followed by p. it is afternoon, and when in the p. m. column by a. it is forenoon.

—Walla Walla Valley will produce double the excess of wheat to sell this year, over any previous year.

Births, marriages and deaths will be inserted free of charge to subscribers to either the DAILY or the WEEKLY ASTORIAN. Births or marriages, when sent in by persons who are not subscribers to the paper, should be accompanied with one dollar, which will be placed to the credit of the party and the paper will be sent to the address for the full amount so paid to us.

—Postage on the WEEKLY ASTORIAN is two cents a paper to any part of the United States, when sent by people not connected with the newspaper office. We will send four copies (separate dates), equivalent to one month, to one address, in one wrapper (post-paid), on receipt of 25 cents.

Don't READ ADVERTISEMENTS.—Occasionally a business man is encountered who professes to believe that "people don't read advertisements any more." A greater mistake is seldom made. If a typographical error creeps into an ad. it soon becomes the talk of the neighborhood, and if the people do not read ads, how do they drop on errors with such facility? The other day the advertisement of the Centennial restaurant appeared, in which the word "eating" was set up "fating," whereupon we were duly notified of the error by seven Salinasites and one Chinaman, and lastly, the Monterey Herald felt in duty bound to notify us also.—Daily Recorder, Salinas City, California.

TAKE YOUR LOCAL PAPER.—A man in Marion county last week saved \$150 by taking his local paper, the Mercury, and there is a man in this county, near Brownsville, who told us, a short time ago, that he had made an 80-acre tract of land by being a reader of the Democrat. He had been waiting for a long time to buy an 80 adjoining his farm, but could get no track of the owner, who was a non-resident of the State, and finally saw it advertised for sale in the Democrat. He attended the sale and bought it for a nominal sum, and is now the owner of it.—Athens Democrat.

DIED.

In Astoria, June 4th, 1876, Mrs. Elster Ann Lamphere, aged 89 years, and 10 months.

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JUNE 9th, 1876.
To which the public are invited. On which occasion Gen. O. F. Bell will address the meeting.
A. H. SALE, President.
W. B. Ross, Secretary.

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Any fisherman on the Columbia river, wishing to join the Fishermen's Association can apply in person or by letter to the following officers of the Association: J. B. Nice, President, Waterford; B. P. Sheppard, Manhattan; Fishery Lodge Deputy, and Thos. Dealey, Secretary, Astoria, Oreg. A cordial invitation is hereby tendered to all to avail themselves of this privilege.
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